

PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes: Thursday, May 9, 2019

In attendance: Jennifer McNamara, Alfhildur Kristjansdottir, Tim Pinto, Kate Delaney, Heather Halabu, Linda Hagan, Cori Peng, Matt Monroe

1. Called to order: 8:05
2. Minutes - Reviewed previous meeting's minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes: Kate Delaney
 - b. Seconded: Tim Pinto
 - c. Vote: All in favor
3. Principal Report - Mrs. Halabu - Things are going well. Mary is doing well – upgraded to crutches as of yesterday. Plan is for Mary to be back the last week of school, beginning Monday from last week of school. Kathy Morhaus has been amazing – supporting by taking on Heather's role in the lunchroom, etc. Space camp departure is on May 19 – Tess Peck will be in the office full time and have a sub. Her sub is her student teaching intern.
4. Teacher Report - Mrs. Hagan - Thank you – feeling very appreciated. Field trips are starting to really roll and using budgets. Encouraging teachers to put any monies back into the pot. Have not heard of any other classroom issues.
5. Treasurer Report - Tim Pinto - Despite everyone doing everything they could to be pessimistic, we did better than last year's auction. Close to \$37,000. All other budget items are exactly where we wanted to be. Mostly up to date on reimbursements, but a whole bunch more just came in. A lot of space camp stuff coming up, but Tim is on it! Last issue is that we had a former Kindergarten teacher pass away whose family wants to make donations – funds will be used for Space Camp. Some issues with donations, but Tim is working on it. Some district wide conversations about equity on the big trips, and we need to have them about Space Camp etc.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. AAPAC (Parent Advisory Council) - Liz Batteh – NO REPORT
 - b. Academic Games-Vivian Lin - The King Academic Games Galaxies team did extremely well at Nationals! Competing with approximately 250 other talented and hardworking 5th and 6th grade students from around the country April 25-30 in Orlando this year, the team was 2nd in the country in Presidents (history and presidential biography and trivia) and 4th in the country in Propaganda (recognizing rhetorical techniques), as well as 2nd in their Section in Linguistic (grammar/vocabulary) and 3rd in On-Sets (set theory). Based on their excellent performance, the team earned a 5th place in the Sweepstakes (overall) competition, out of 50 teams! Our team trophies are in the Media Center--this year the team earned 1 silver Thinker for Presidents and 2 blue Thinkers for Propaganda and Sweepstakes (the trophies are based on Auguste Rodin's The Thinker sculpture). Again, many thanks to the King teachers and administration for getting the students academically ready to succeed, to the King PTO for supplies and scholarships, and to our wonderful parents for encouraging the students and getting them to and from practices all year long! Practices going forward will be optional and on the next 2 Tuesday evenings only 7-8:30 PM in the Media Center during May, and will be geared toward 4th graders who want to

get a head start on next year: May 7: Introduction to Adventurous Equations; May 14: Introduction to Linguistik. After that, we will be off for the summer; practices will resume in mid-September.

- c. Bagel Friday-Cori Peng and Jas - Last Bagel Friday for this year is tomorrow, Friday, May 10th! We need to pick a raffle – Cori will pick it.
- d. Bingo Night - Jen McNamara - NO REPORT
- e. Book Fairs - Mandy Hutton, Dana Habers, Lisa Mitchell, Gayle Green - NO REPORT
- f. Box Tops - Alfhildur Kristjansdottir - Please return Box Tops to teachers by May 10th. Extension to Wednesday, May 15th. Heather will send out a blast reminder!
- g. By Laws Interpretation - Jamie Haberichter -
- h. Communications/Enotes - Fernanda Pires - Please send Fernanda information for the next E-notes by this evening: Thursday, 5/9. Scheduled to go out tomorrow.
- i. Community Action - Rama Thakar -
- j. Disability Awareness Coordinator - Katie Baidel - NO REPORT
- k. Grocery Cards - Alfhildur Kristjansdottir- NO REPORT
- l. Harvest Moon - Renee Tall - NO REPORT
- m. Ice Cream Social - Monica Jones Looking for a co-chair - no report yet. She's busy and on it.
- n. International Night - Marguerite Dillard – Kate Delaney and Carly Ly will take the lead.
- o. Landscaping - Dan Beard – Dan is setting up a work day. Alfie may have high school volunteers.
- p. Learning Garden - Sherri Grant, Angela Bulman, Valeria Cuda -
This is our busy season in the garden. We are growing in the greenhouse and planting in the garden. We have 4-5 classes per week coming to help with parent volunteers too. The second graders are studying the life cycle and just transplanted their pea seeds into the garden bed. Our Garden Club meets every second week - we are planning our spaghetti bed, painting the book lending mailbox. Follow up on third grade garden club.
- q. Math Club - Lakshmi Narayanaswamy - NO REPORT
- r. PTO Thrift Shop Liaison - Anita Shelgikar - NO REPORT
- s. PTO Council Rep - Leslie Calhoun - On April 15, I attended the PTOC meeting regarding assessments. Several presenters gave information on the NWEA and PSAT (for older kids). NWEA tests both math and reading, and is an "adaptive" computerized test given 3 times per year in the fall, winter, and spring. Adaptive means it provides data on the student's specific areas of strength and struggle, and allows teachers to adapt lesson plans and individualized learning for each student. NWEA has a parent link with more information to educate yourself on this test. <https://www.nwea.org/assessments/resources-for-parents/>
- t. Science Olympiad - Marguerite Dillard, Yong Miao, Sravi Parlapalli – will be on Saturday.

- u. Silent Auction - Liz Anderson, Beth Konrad - We are still wrapping up the 2019 Silent Auction. The online post-sale ended May 4th and we will have a final flash sale during the last bagel Friday, May 10th.
We far surpassed our fundraising goal and to date have over \$34,100 from auction software sales and \$2000 in cash from auction night. We are anticipating the total amount raised to be approximately \$37,000.
- v. SIT Rep - Carrie Bora, Kiana Barfield -
- w. Spirit Wear-Ben Ewy - NO REPORT
- x. Student Directory - Megan Olson - NO REPORT
Teacher Appreciation - Lindy Lee - Happening today!
- y. Turkey Trot - Cori Peng - NO REPORT

7. Old Business - NONE

8. New Business -

- a. Vote for 2019-2020 King PTO Exec Board Officers:

An announcement went out in E-notes (3/23/19) to ask parents to nominate themselves or others to the Exec Board and the below slate was announced in E-Notes (4/26/19 & 4/12/19). There were no responses to the call and therefore we will vote on the current slate:

Co-President: Jen McNamara
Co-President: Leslie Calhoun
Vice President: Cori Peng
Secretary: Kate Delaney
Treasurer: Tim Pinto
PTO Council Representative: Matt Monroe

APPROVED BY VOTE – All Ayes

- b. Vote on King PTO Bylaws

Background: It's been approximately 5 years since bylaws have been updated. A copy of the new bylaws and tracked changes have been on the PTO website since 4/12/19 and promoted in E-notes 4/12/19 and 4/26/19.

Summary of proposed changes:

- An added piece around equity was added to the purposes.
- Updated information regarding month (May or June) that elections will be held for electing officers.
- Removed positions no longer held: parent volunteer coordinator & special events coordinator, as the exec board oversees these
- Capped exec board membership to 4 year limit for all positions
- Updated services dates from July 1 - June 30

- Eliminated the nominating committee
- In general - took out excess language and items that were “recommended” and clarified them as rules or took them out
- Updates duties of exec board members and removed positions that no longer exist

APPROVED BY VOTE – all ayes.

9. Meeting Adjournment @ 8:43

- a. Motion to adjourn: Tim Pinto
- b. Seconded: Kate Delaney